

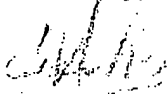
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Dear Commissioner:

Please withdraw the abandonment because I have a receipt, as attached. I also have attached the claims.

Sincerely,



George Vlahos

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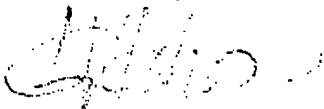
July 17, 2007

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the final rejection issued on January 17, 2007, applicant advises as follows. It is not believed that the examiner has proved a 103 rejection. The reference applied against claims 6-20 contains a single ultraviolet tube running from side to side and does not show a separate light structure as claimed. The tubular structure has a light structure that includes light at the front of the seat but not at the back. It is also a single tubular light inset into the seat structure. Making the light multiple lights including one in the rear of the seat would not be an obvious to try step or an obvious step for an inventor.

As far as the 112 rejection of claims 7-10 and 12-15, there is a generating lamp in claim 6 from which it depends and therefore the means is inferred as the lamp of claim 6.

Sincerely,



George Vlahos

Claims

- [c1]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus having a tanning bed 10 comprising:
at least one ultraviolet ray-generating means 16; and
a vertically-adjustable leg support 12 adapted to raise the legs 14 of a user
lying on the tanning bed 10 so as to expose the buttocks of the user to
ultraviolet rays generated by the ultraviolet ray-generating means 16, the
ultraviolet ray-generating means 16 being located beneath the leg support 12
when in a raised position.
- [c2]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ultraviolet ray-
generating means 16 and the leg support 12 further provide for tanning of the
rectal and genital areas of the user lying on the tanning bed 10.
- [c3]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the leg support 12 orients
the thighs of the user to be substantially vertical, and orients the lower legs of
the user to be substantially horizontal.
- [c4]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tanning bed 10 further
comprises means 18 for supporting and raising the upper torso and head of the
user.
- [c5]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tanning bed 10 has a
surface 19 on which the user lies, the surface 19 being defined by an air
mattress.
- [c6]
(Currently
Amended) A tanning apparatus comprising a toilet 20 having a bowl 28 defining a rim 36
and a seat 22 above the rim 36, the toilet 20 comprising ultraviolet ray-generating
[means] lamps 26 located so as to [expose the buttocks of a user supported by the
seat 22 to ultraviolet rays generated by the ultraviolet ray-generation means 26]
project the light downwardly into the toilet bowl, wherein the lamps area at each
side of the seat and an additional lamp is placeable toward the rear of the seat.
- [c7]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating
means 26 further provides for tanning of the rectal and genital areas of the user
supported by the seat 22.
- [c8]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating
means 26 comprises first and second lamps 26 positioned at opposite sides of the
seat 22.
- [c9]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating
means 26 comprises a lamp 26 located at a rear portion of the seat 22.
- [c10]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating
means 26 is encased in a waterproof UV-transparent cover 30.

- [c11]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the seat 22 is a first seat 22 pivotally mounted to the toilet 20, the toilet 20 further comprising a second seat 32 and a seat cover 34 between which the first seat 22 is pivotally mounted.
- [c12]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 is mounted from the rim 36 of the bowl 28.
- [c13]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, herein the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 is mounted from the rim 36 of the bowl 28.
- [c14]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the seat 22 is a removable seat 22 that is not secured to the toilet 20, the apparatus further comprising a second seat 32 on which the removable seat 22 rests, the ultraviolet ray-generating means 26 being mounted to the removable seat 22.
- [c15]
(Original) A tanning apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the removable seat 22 has a two-piece construction held together with hinges 38 that enable the removable seat 22 to be folded.
- [c16]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus comprising a flexible block 42 with slots 44 sized for receiving digits 48 of a user, and ultraviolet ray-generating means 46 located in portions 49 of the block 42 between the slots 44 for tanning skin of the user between the digits 48 of the user when the digits 48 are received in the slots 44.
- [c17]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 16, wherein at least surfaces of the slots 44 are transparent to ultraviolet rays.
- [c18]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus comprising a recliner 50 having a surface 52 for supporting a user reclining on the recliner 50 and ultraviolet ray-generating means 56 located within the recliner 50 for tanning skin of the user facing and contacting the surface 52 of the recliner 50, the surface 52 of the recliner 50 being transparent to ultraviolet rays.
- [c19]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the recliner 50 accommodates more than one user.
- [c20]
(Withdrawn) A tanning apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the surface 52 of the recliner 50 is defined by an air mattress.